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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, IT, US

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS PURCHASE BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

REF: ROME 6136

1. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE FIND ANY AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DE-  
PARTMENT COULD PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR LATER REIMBURSEMENT  
OR ASSUME CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS ON GOI'S BEHALF. ITALIAN  
GOVERNMENT SHOULD THEREFORE PLACE ITS ORDER AS QUICKLY AS  
POSSIBLE AND LET US KNOW WHEN, WHERE, ETC. UNTIL IT DOES  
SO, WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR INTERVENING WITH A MANUFACTURER.

2. ONLY ALTERNATIVE WE CAN SEE TO DIRECT ORDER TO SUPPLIER  
BY GOI WOULD BE AN FMS CASH SALE FOR THESE OR SIMILAR ITEMS,  
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WHICH ARE USED BY VARIOUS NATO MILITARY FORCES INCLUDING,  
PERHAPS, THOSE OF ITALY. YOUR ODC CAN BEST ADVISE ON THIS,  
BUT WE DOUBT THAT FMS PROCEDURE WOULD BE FASTER THAN  
STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT OR A LOAN TO INTERIOR  
MINISTRY BY ITALIAN MILITARY. VANCE

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